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DOVE SEASON IN MARYLAND OPENS SEPTEMBER 1

In response to frequent inquiries, the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, announces that the open season for mourning doves in Maryland under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Regulations extends from September 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive, and that heavy penalties are prescribed for the hunting or possession of doves during the closed season. September 1 is the earliest date on which the season can be opened, as the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds provides that there must be a closed season on doves and certain other migratory game birds between March 10 and September 1, and that the hunting season must be limited to a period not exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ months. The Federal law supersedes and renders inoperative the Maryland law which opens the dove season August 15.

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